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SUBJECT: WILLIAM BUCKLEY INTERVIEWS PRIME MINISTER VORSTER
FOR TV.

1. AMERICAN POLITICAL COMMENTATOR WILLIAM BUCKLEY LEFT
JOHANNESBURG FOR RHODESIA JANUARY 13 AFTER RECODING TV
INTERVIEWS WITH SOUTH AFRICAN PERSONAGES, INCLUDING
PM VORSTER. ARGUS NEWSPAPERS HAVE BILLED VORSTER INTERVIEW
AS " ONE OF HIS BOLDEST PUBLIC APPEARANCES OVERSEAS."

TELEVISED DISCUSSION BETWEEN
BUCKLEY AND VORSTER SAID TO
HAVE BEEN " SIGNIFICANT DEPARTURE FROM THE NORMAL INTERVIEW
SITUATION" FOR VORSTER, WHO USUALLY INSISTS ON SEEING
QUESTION IN ADVANCE. RAND DAILY MAIL TODAY SAYS THAT IN
"NO-HOLDS-BARRED INTERVIEW" YESTERDAY, TOPICS BELIEVED TO
HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED INCLUDED
BANNINGS, PROPOSED PRESS
RESTRICTIONS AND SOUTH AFRICA'S GENERAL ELECTION.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS, BUCKLEY ALSO INTERVIEWED HELEN
SUZMAN, NATIONAL PARTY
MP MARAIS STEYN, DR. FRANS CRONJE OF
UNITED PARTY, LEONARD MOSALA AND LENNOX MHLONZI OF WEST RAND
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URBAN BANTU COUNCIL, MR. L.M. MATHABATHE, SOWETO SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL, AND REV. B.J. RAJULI OF SOWETO. TELEVISED
INTERVIEWS REPORTED LAST IN U.S. APRIL 20 ON
BUCKLEY'S PROGRAM. " FIRING LINE."

3. IN SALISBURY BUCKLEY WILL INTERVIEW IAN SMITH. NEWSPAPERS
SAY BUCKLEY VISITING RHODESIA AS GUEST SPEAKER AT 80TH
ANNIVERSARY DINNER TONIGHT OF SALISBURY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
AND THAT EXPENSES OF BUCKLEY'S TRIP TO SOUTHERN AFRICA PAID
BY THE CHAMBER.
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